

REMARKS

Claims 1, 43 and 44 have been amended to state that the carrageenan has "a viscosity of 5 to less than 10 cP". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 6, third paragraph. Claims 23-26 have been amended to delete "film" in the first line and insert "gel", so that the claims now properly depend from claim 1 which is drawn to a gel. Claim 24 has also been amended to delete "gel" from the second line. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes no fee is due. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 10884-00025-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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